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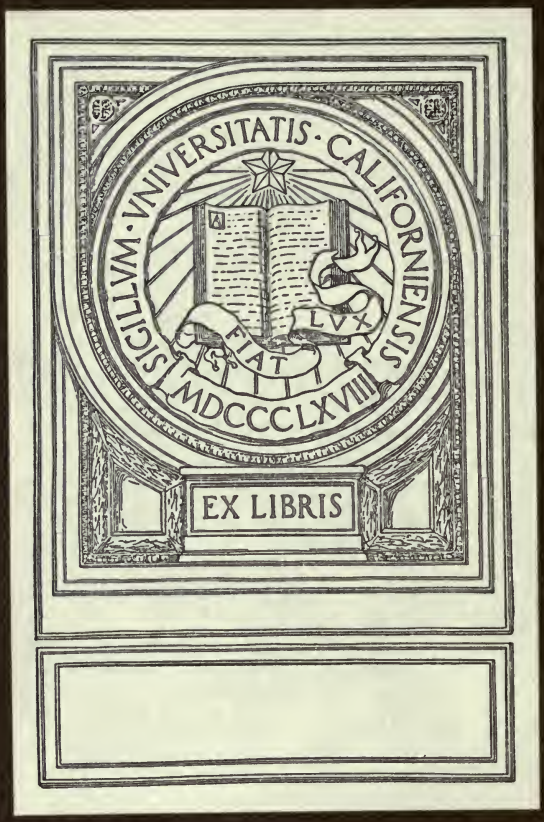
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REPORT

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QUARTER MASTER GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA,

IN REPLY TO

A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE.

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REPORT.

QUARTER MASTER GENERALS' OFFICE,
Indianapolis, Jan. 28, 1859.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

In compliance with a resolution passed by you on the 26th inst., I beg leave to make the following report in regard to the Quarter Master's Department, of the number and kinds of *Arms* the State of Indiana is entitled to draw yearly from the United States government.

Prior to the year 1855 we drew annually about four hundred (400) muskets, or their equivalent in other *Arms*. In 1855 Governor Wright succeeded in getting the number increased to nearly six hundred (600) guns. The arms are all regulated by the price of muskets, which is thirteen dollars ($13 00) each, so that when we draw *Arms* of higher price, the number is curtailed in proportion to the price.

If we could have a report of the full strength of the militia of our State we would draw at least double the number we now draw. This will be impossible without a full organization of the militia of the State.

I shall not be able to give you a minute report of the number of *Arms* in the State at this time, as this would require more time than I now have, but I will give the probably amount, which is, I suppose, all that is necessary at this time. A great number of the *Arms* are now unfit for use. They are mostly the old flint lock, which are going entirely out of use.

Many of the volunteer companies have disbanded, and the arms are scattered over the country. Some provision should be made to have them all collected and returned to the State Arsenal. The Quarter Master cannot incur any expenses, unles di-

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rected so to do by the Governor or Legislature. There has been no appropriations made for any repairs or collections of *Arms;* therefore, there has been none made.

Many of the *Arms* are worth but little, indeed hardly worth collecting and freight. We have at this time in the Arsenal, between six hundred (600) and seven hundred (700) old guns, returned from different counties unfit for use. I would advise a sale of all the old flint lock guns, with all the old *Arms* of the State to the best advantage. True they would not bring much, but they might be exchanged for new *Arms* at what they are worth. If something is not done with them they will be a total loss to the State. I am informed that several of the States have sold their old arms. I have had several applications from purchasers offering to buy the old Arms, but having no authority to dispose of them, I now submit the matter to your consideration.

Prior to 1852, the *Arms* were given out on bonds with securities; the Quarter Master not being acquainted with the sureties on bonds, had to rely on the certificates of clerks of the counties in which the arms were drawn; consequently, many of the securities are worthless, at best the bonds are mere nominal things. Since 1852 the *Arms* have been drawn by the commissioners of the different counties, and charged to the counties.

But a small portion of the State is supplied with *Arms*, many of the counties having made no demand. Some that have had *Arms* have returned them to the State Arsenal. Some counties have drawn largely as they have been more fully organized than others. We have a few demands at this time that we cannot supply until we draw the regular *quota* for 1859, which, I think, will be in May or June next.

The *Arms* are in the care of the Quarter Master General, and distributed by him at the direction of the Governor. The cost of keeping the *Arms* are follows:

Rent for Arsenal	$100 00
Salary of Quarter Master	100 00
Total cost of keeping arms	$200 00

For his services, which consists in receiving from the general government, attending to renting house for Arsenal, and all other care necessary to see that all is kept safe and given out when so directed by the Governor, it will be seen that the Quarter Master receives the sum of one hundred dollars, which is the smallest sum paid by any State in the Union.

The building now occupied is very unsafe, and I hope you will make some provision for a good State Arsenal. It is almost impossible to procure a suitable room for an Arsenal, at any reasonable rent at this time. We have but few arms on hand

that are worth much, but in May we will draw our *quota* for this year, which will be equal to six hundred (600) muskets with accoutrements, which, at their cost, are worth about ten thousand dollars ($10,000). You will see from this that the State should have a good, safe and substantial Arsenal to keep her arms in, therefore, I would suggest the propriety of the State building on some of the public grounds belonging to the State, a good plain building sufficient for the use of a State Armory.

There are now in the armory between 600 and 700 old guns, with accoutrements entirely unfit for use, without repairing	600
New Percussion Muskets	24
New Percussion Rifles	20
Musketoons	20
New Sabres	9
Colt's Navy Pistols	4
New Powder Flasks	100
Boxes of new Accoutrements	5

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STATISTICS of Arms now out in the different Counties, with amount of Bonds for the same, prior to the year 1852, *and the cost of Arms delivered to County Commissioners under the law of* 1852, *with the names of the Companies, and their Captains, drawing the Arms.*

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	ADAMS COUNTY.		
1843.	Decatur Artillery, Capt. Samuel Rugg—		Bonds.
	Flint muskets	60	$2,000 00
April, 1846.	Abbott Dragoons, Capt. Braddock—		
	Pistols	100	
	Carbines	50	
	Sabres, complete	50	5.775 00
July, 1850	St. Marys Rifle Company, Captain J. B. Britton—		
	Hall's Rifles, complete	64	2,800 00
	ALLEN COUNTY.		
			Cost.
July 12, 1850.	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	Percussion pistols	120	1,300 00
	Sabres, all new, complete	60	
	CLARK COUNTY.		
1846.	Washington Guards, Captain Wm. Ingram—		Bond.
	Flint muskets, complete	60	1,700 00
	CARROLL COUNTY.		
			Cost.
June 10, 1856.	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	CASS COUNTY.		
March 10, 1847.	Cass County Blues, Capt. Wm. Brown—		Bond.
	Yeager rifles	40	1,000 00
June 3, 1843.	Cass County Rangers—		
	Hall's rifles	50	2,000 00
	[The bonds of these two companies have been sent to the county auditor for collection.]		
Dec. 1, 1855.	Shipped to auditor of Cass county—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	CLINTON COUNTY.		
May 6, 1846.	Owen Guards, Captain E. B. Reed—		Bond.
	Yeager rifles, complete	40	1,360 00
Oct. 7, 1847.	Frankfort Guards, Captain Samuel Ayres—		
	Muskets, complete	20	667 00
Feb. 7, 1847.	Russelville Rangers, Capt. W. H. Logan—		
	Muskets, complete	40	1,260 00
	DEKALB COUNTY		
			Cost.
May 29, 1854.	Percussion muskets, complete	100	1,700 00
	DELAWARE COUNTY.		
			Cost.
June 10, 1855.	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	ELKHART COUNTY.		
1842.	Goshen Guards—		Bond.
	Flint muskets, complete	60	1,928 00
Aug. 6, 1845.	Hunters of Elkhart, Capt. Eliphalet Chase—		
	Hall's patent rifles, complete	60	2,100 00
	[The bonds of these two companies have been sent to the Auditor of Elkhart county.]		

STATISTICS of Arms, &c.—Continued.

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	FAYETTE COUNTY.		
1845.	Jackson Township Volunteers, Capt. K. N. Taylor—		Bond.
	Flint muskets, complete	60	$2,000 00
	FLOYD COUNTY.		
1843.	Spencer Greys, care of Capt. Frank, New Albany—		Bonds.
	Flint muskets, complete	60	1,000 00
Nov. 22, 1845.	German Rifles, Capt. Collins—		
	Carbines complete	40	1,775 00
	Floyd County Yellow-Jackets, Capt. Ira Gunn—		
	Hall's patent rifles	60	2,525 00
	[Bonds of these two companies sent to auditor for collection.]		Cost.
Aug. 15, 1855.	Shipped to county commissioners—Percussion muskets	80	1,360 99
	FOUNTAIN COUNTY.		
July 8, 1844.	Captain Zachariah Ferguson—		Bond.
	Hall's patent rifles	50	2,888 00
Oct. 2, 1855.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets	60	1,020 00
	GIBSON COUNTY.		
March 24, 1851.	Owensville Guards, Capt. C. Gordon—		
	Percussion pistols	120	Bond.
	Sabres, with full accoutrements	60	4,000 00
	GRANT COUNTY.		
Aug. 14, 1846.	Captain John M. Wallace—		Bond.
	Flint muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
	HENDRICKS COUNTY.		
July 1, 1854.	Danville Guards, Capt. Nichols—		
	Flint muskets	50	Bond.
	Sabres, complete	4	1,625 00
Oct. 27, 1847.	Captain John Scott—		
	Flint muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
	JEFFERSON COUNTY.		
Sept. 7, 1852.	Madison Guards, Capt. J. A. Hendricks—		Bond.
	Percussion muskets, complete	64	2,176 00
	[Bond sent to auditor.]		
	JENNINGS COUNTY.		
Aug. 1, 1846.	Vernon Volunteers, Capt. Morris Wildey—		Bond.
	Yager rifles	6	2,000 00
Nov. 19, 1846.	Vernon Artillery, Capt J. H. Baldwin—		
	Flint muskets, complete	40	2,160 00
	Six pounder cannon and carriage, complete	1	
	JAY COUNTY.		
1842.	Portland Guards—Flint muskets	60	Bond. 2,000 00
	JASPER COUNTY.		
June 25, 1853.	Shipped to county commissioners—Percussion rifles complete	60	Cost 1,020 00
	LAPORTE COUNTY.		
Feb. 9, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		
	Percussion muskets, complete	100	1,700 00
	Percussion rifles, complete	60	1,020 00
	Carbines, complete	60	1,020 00
	Sabres, complete	60	
	Pairs of holsters	60	1,400 00
	Pistols (old)	120	

STATISTICS of Arms, &c.—Continued.

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	LAPORTE COUNTY.—Continued.		
Feb. 9, 1854.	Shipped to the county commissioners—		Cost.
	Old flint muskets	40	$400 00
June 18, 1856.	Colt's navy pistols	120	2,806 00
	Sabres, wi h full accoutrements	60	
	Six pounder brass cannon and carriage	1	1,300 00
	Caisson, complete	1	
	Artillery sabres, with accoutrements, (drawn by Col. J. C. Walker.)	20	
	LAWRENCE COUNTY.		
Feb. 11, 1853.	Springville Invincibles, Capt. R. G. Norville—		Bond.
	Muskets	60	2,600 00
	MADISON COUNTY.		
June 23, 1846.	Pendleton Invincibles, Capt A. E. Russell—		Bond.
	Pistols	110	2,500 00
	Sabres and accoutrements	42	
July, 1846.	Madison County Guard, Capt. G. W. Bowers—		
	Muskets, complete	60	2,500 00
	MARION COUNTY.		
August 4, 1855.	Marion Artillery, Capt. Darnell—		Bond.
	Carbines, complete	40	3,300 00
	Six pounder cannon, with carriage, com l ete	1	
April 10.	Indianapolis National Guards, Capt. G. F. McGinnis—		
	Percussion muskets, complete	82	2,700 00
August 28, 1856.	Clermont Guards, Capt. James Russell—		
	Percussion muskets	32	1,080 00
April 20. 1858.	Indianapolis City Greys, Captain Hartwell—		
	Percussion muskets	72	2,380 00
July, 1858.	Marion Guards, Capt. Elijah W. McVey—		
	Percussion muskets	62	2,000 00
August 25, 1858.	Marion Cavalry, Capt. John Love—		
	Colt's navy pistols	70	5,200 00
	Sabres, with full accoutrements	60	Cost.
	Colt's pistols issued for State Prison and other purposes	56	1,010 00
	MARSHALL COUNTY.		
June 12, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Muskets complete	60	1,000 00
	Carbines (new) complete	60	1,320 00
	MIAMI COUNTY.		
July 20, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	100	1,700 00
June 10, 1856.	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
July 29, 1858.	Percussion rifles (new) complete	30	1,100 00
	Flint rifles (old)	40	
	Sets of accoutrements	70	
	MONTGOMERY COUNTY.		
July 16, 1849.	Ladoga Infantry, Capt. E. Kennedy—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
June 26, 1854.	Ladoga Artillery, Capt. D. Armstrong—		
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
June 26, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners, for the use of Captain Greffings' company—Yager rifles, complete	60	Cost. 1,000 00
	[Bonds of two first companies sent to auditor of county.]		
Oct. 2, 1854.	Shipped to Capt. A. Harper, by order of county commissioners—		
	Percussion muskets	80	1,360 00
Dec. 1, 1855.	Shipped to Capt. Wood, by order of county commissioners—		
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
1856.	Shipped to Col. L. Wallace, by order of county commissioners—		
	Percussion muskets	60	1,020 0

STATISTICS of Arms, &c.—Continued.

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	MORGAN COUNTY.		
May 20, 1858.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	80	$1,300 00
	NOBLE COUNTY.		
July 17, 1856.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
Aug. 26, 1856.	Percussion rifles, complete	50	850 00
	ORANGE COUNTY.		
1842.	Orange Guards, Capt. Jas. W. Webb—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	64	2,000 00
	OHIO COUNTY.		
	Rising Sun Greys—		Bond.
	Hall's rifles, complete	40	1,680 00
	PARKE COUNTY.		
June 11, 1858.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	PORTER COUNTY.		
June 9, 1855.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Old muskets, complete	100	1,400 00
July 23, 1855.	Old pistols	100	1,284 00
	Sabres, with new acoutrements	50	
	PUTNAM COUNTY.		
Feb. 9, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets	100	1,700 00
	Percussion rifles, complete	60	1,020 00
	Six pounder cannon and carriage	1	400 00
	PERRY COUNTY.		
1843.	Indiana Blues, Capt. Patterson—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
	POSEY COUNTY.		
	Wabash Rangers, Capt. Richard Owen—		
	Pistols with holsters	122	2,600 00
	Sabres, complete	61	
Nov. 2, 1846.	Mount Vernon Guards, Capt. W. J. Whitney—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
	RANDOLPH COUNTY.		
			Cost.
May 26, 1856.	Percussion muskets	60	2,040 00
	Percussion rifles, all complete	..	..
	RIPLEY COUNTY.		
1845.	Capt. Calvin Westover—		Bond.
	Hall's rifles, complete	60	2,500 00
	RUSH COUNTY.		
1848.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Old muskets	60	1,000 00
	SCOTT COUNTY.		
	New Frankfort Artillery, Capt. Geo. E. Vanpelt—		Bond.
	Muskets	60	2,000 00

STATISTICS of Arms, &c.—Continued.

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	SHELBY COUNTY.		
Nov. 3, 1846.	Washington Troop, Capt. Nath. Earlywine—		
	Pistols, complete	100	$2,950 00
	Sabres, complete	50	
Feb. 18, 1847.	Shelbyville Infantry, Capt. Jas. Jones—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	70	2,200 00
	ST. JOSEPH COUNTY.		
May 20, 1856.	Percussion muskets	50	Cost. 850 00
June 1, 1858.	Percussion muskets, sent to Notre Dame University	60.	1,020 00
	[These arms were shipped to county commissioners.]		
	STEUBEN COUNTY.		
Jan. 25, 1855.	Shipped to ceunty commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	SULLIVAN COUNTY.		
	Shipped to county commissioners—		
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	TIPPECANOE COUNTY.		
M ; 1, 1856.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
1842.	Lafayette Blues—		Bond.
	Hall's patent rifles	52	2,100 00
1843	Tippecanoe Guards –		
	Hall's patent rifles	50	2,100 00
	[Bonds of these two companies sent to county auditor.]		
	VANDERBURGH COUNTY.		
July 12, 1855.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets	64	1,080 00
	Six pounder brass cannon, with carriage and appendages.	1	880 00
	VIGO COUNTY.		
Aug. 1, 1846.	Honey Creek Guards, Capt. John P. Duffey—		Bond.
	Muskeis, complete	50	1,700 00
April 21, 1847.	Riley Greys, Capt. John McMullen—		
	Muskets, complete	40	1,280 00
Sept. 22, 1857.	Shipped to county commissioners--		Cost.
	Old muskets	60	840 00
June 21, 1858.	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	WARRICK COUNTY.		
May 12, 1845.	Boonville Infantry, Capt. J. A. Reynolds—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
March 21, 1845.	Newburg Rifle Company, Capt. Sam Luce—		
	Hall's Patent Rifles	60	2,100 00
	WABASH COUNTY.		
Aug. 9, 1846.	Michael English—		
	Muskets, complete	58	2,000 00
July 9, 1855.	Shipped to Auditor—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	100	1,700 00
	WARREN COUNTY.		
July 20, 1856.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets	60	1,700 00
	Percussion rifles	40	
March 4, 1843.	Independent Blues, Capt. Clarkson—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00

STATISTICS of Arms, &c..—Continued.

Date.	NAMES OF COMPANIES.	No. of Guns.	Amount.
	WASHINGTON COUNTY.		
May 27, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	100	$1,700 00
	WAYNE COUNTY.		
1842.	Green Townshipg Light Infantry, Capt. J. B. Caty—		Bond.
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
	Wayne Cadets, Capt. E. W. Culver—		
	Muskets, complete	60	2,000 00
June 19, 1857.	Shipped to Capt. Cockefair by order of county commissioners—		Cost.
	Yager rifles	60	1,020 00
	WELLS COUNTY.		
June 3, 1854.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Muskets, complete	100	1,700 00
	WHITE COUNTY.		
Dec. 20, 1856.	Shipped to county commissioners—		Cost.
	Percussion muskets, complete	60	1,020 00
	Percussion rifles, complete	60	1,020 00

SUMMARY OF ARMS BELONGING TO STATE.

Name of Arms distributed as per Report.

Muskets	4,288
Rifles	1,214
Carbines	250
Sabres	677
Pistols	1,138
Cannons and carriages	6
Caisson	1

Remaining in the Armory, about

Muskets	500
Rifles	100
Sabres	9
Pistols	6

Out of the whole number of pistols, two hundred and fifty are Colt's navy pistols, drawn in 1857; two hundred and forty-six of which have been distributed, four remaining in the Armory.

There are, I have no doubt, a large number of arms scattered over the State that there is no account of. Prior to the year 1842, the arms were given out on the order of the generals and colonels of the several brigades and regiments, of which I have no account in my office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servent,

SAMUEL BECK,

Quarter-Master General Indiana Militia.

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